GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Allegation of corruption against Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer, O/O the Forest Range Officer, Markapuram Range, Markapuram Division, Prakasam District—Trapped on 10-12-2014—Sanction of Prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act – Orders — Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 107 **Dated: 15-11-2016**

Read:

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy worked as Deputy Range Officer O/o the Forest Range Officer, Markapuram Range, Markapuram Division, Prakasam District from 14-11-2014 to 10-12-2014. By virtue of the post held by him, he is included in the category of Public servant as defined under section 2(c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2) And whereas Sri Shiak Mahaboob Basha, S/o Abdul Rehman, Age:45 years, Carpenter, Poola Subbaiah colony, Markapur Mandal, Prakasam district is living by doing carpenter work and he purchases wood and used to make wooden items. He came to know that Sri Devi Reddy Nagi Reddy, who is farmer of meerjapet Village, sell the Teak trees present in his fields. On that, he met him in the month of July, 2014. The farmer Sri D.Nagi Reddy informed that he wanted to sell Teak trees and requested to take necessary permissions from the Forest and Revenue departments on behalf of him due to his old age. Accordingly, Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha agreed to purchase all the teak trees for Rs.5,25,000/- and they executed an agreement with regard to expenses for obtaining permissions from the Revenue & Forest departments and also for sale matters. Later Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha, on behalf of Sri D.Nagi Reddy, obtained permissions/Permits for Teak trees 681 in number, situated in Sy.No.270/2 at Meerjapeta, from the Revenue and Forest Departments and the said trees were cut down in the presence of Forest Section Officer. Later, he remitted challan on behalf of Sri D.Nagi Reddy, for obtaining Movement Permit for Transportation of the Teak logs to his work shop and some of the same to the Timber Depots. When he met Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, DRO on 01-12-2014 at Forest Office, the DRO demanded Rs.55,000/- as bribe and warned that unless Sri Shiak Mahaboob Basha pay the amount, he would not give the said permit. Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha, negotiated with DRO to pay Rs.20,000/- as bribe, as first instalment and the remaining bribe amount of Rs.35000/- at the time of transporting the Teak logs. The DRO asked him to pay the bribe amount of Rs.20,000/- on 10-12-2014.i.e., Wednesday at his house or his office. As Sri Shaik mahaboob Basha was not willing to pay the bribe amount, he gave a report to the DSP, ACB, Ongole to take action against Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, DRO and make arrangements to issue Movement Permit of Forest Department.

3) And whereas, it is alleged that after following due procedure, DSP, ACB, Prakasam District, Ongole registered the complaint as a case Cr.No.5/RCT-OGL/2014 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 on 10-12-2014 at 07-15 A.M and took up investigation.

4) And whereas, it is alleged that during the course of investigation, the DRO was trapped when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.20,000/- from Sri Shaik mahaboob Basha and during which the DRO took Shaik Mahaboob Basha to the entrance of lane leading to Srinivas cinema Theatre on his motorcycle and asked Shaik Mahaboob Basha to keep the bribe amount in the tank cover of his motor cycle. Accordindly, Shaik Mahaboob Basha kept the amount in the said cover. Upon receiving the amount Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, went into the lane with a great speed and went to his mother–in-law's house and deposited the bribe amount in a folded towel kept in plastic tube under the double cot in the bedroom. At about 15.50 hours after receiving the trap signal, the trap party proceeded to the house of the Mother-in-law of Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, DRO. On hearing the identity of ACB officials, the Accused Officer started shivering and tried to rub his fingers. The DSP instructed him

not to rub his hands and organised the chemical test on both hand fingers of DRO and both the hand fingers yielded positive result.

5) And whereas, it is alleged that, at last, Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy,DRO stated that he had taken the bribe amount from Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha and asked him to keep the same in the tank cover of his motor cycle and came to his mother – in-law's house and kept that in the folded towel and secretly kept the same in the plastic blue colour tub. The mediators counted and compared the numbers and denominations of the currency notes already noted in the pre-trap proceedings and found them tallied. Sodium carbonate test conducted on the inner lining of the big second pouch of tank of motor cycle belonging to Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, DRO, resulted positively. The DSP seized the said tainted currency notes Rs.20000/-, 3 sealed bottles containing the chemical reacted Pink solutions, faded green colour towel along with plastic blue color tub and motor bike Hero Honda Glamour bearing No: AP 27 K 9155 which was used by the DRO.

6) And whereas, it is alleged that when the DSP requested about the file dealing with permission for transporting the teak(wood) trees which were already cut under permit, Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, DRO stated that the said file was with Sr.Asst., as DRO and Sr.Asst. are working under the Forest Range Officer.

7) And whereas, it is alleged that later Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha handed over one Xerox copy of agreement executed by Sri D.Nagi Reddy and himself (complainant) in respect of sale, taking permits from the Revenue and Forest Department etc., in the presence of mediators which was seized by the DSP.

8) And whereas, the above said acts of the said Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy , Deputy Range Officer, O/o the Forest Range Officer, Markapuram Range,Markapuram Division, Prakasam District constitute the offence punishable Under section 7 and 13(2) read with Section 13(1) (d) of the PC Act, 1988 (Act No.49 of 1988).

9) And, whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Dappili Ragh Rami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer, Markapur Section, Markapur Range, Markapur(WL) Division from Government service after carefully examining the material placed before them i.e., copy of FIR, report of Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha, mediator names –I &II, the copy of 161 Cr.P.C. statement of the witness, the 164 Cr.P.C statement of Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha, the records seized by the DSP in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer, O/o the Forest Range Officer, Markapuram Range, Markapuram Division, Prakasam District should be prosecuted in the court of law for the aforesaid offences.

10) Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the aforesaid Sri Dappili Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer, O/o the Forest Range Officer, Markapuram Range, Markapuram Division, Prakasam District for the above said offences punishable under section 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the P.C.Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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